

Notecards!

You have your sources; now it's time to take notes. The better the quality and thoroughness of your notecards, the easier it will be to write your paper. You have to do the work—better now than later!

Steps:

- 1. First, let's start with your book source. You should have your book sitting right next to you at your computer.**
- 2. Next, go to www.noodletools.com and log in with your computer login (remember?). Then, click on your works cited list to open it.**



The screenshot shows the NoodleTools website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'My Lists', 'Bibliography', 'Notecards', and 'Help'. Below this, a user is logged in as 'cau1054' with options to 'Sign Out' or view 'My Account'. The main section is titled 'My Lists' and contains a table of lists. A large black arrow points from the text 'Then, click on your works cited list to open it.' to the 'Trail of Tears (open)' link in the table.

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3. Notice that under the “notecards” column, it says zero for each citation. Click on “New” next to your book source. (You may have used an encyclopedia.)

NoodleBib

Welcome, cau1054 | Sign Out | My Account

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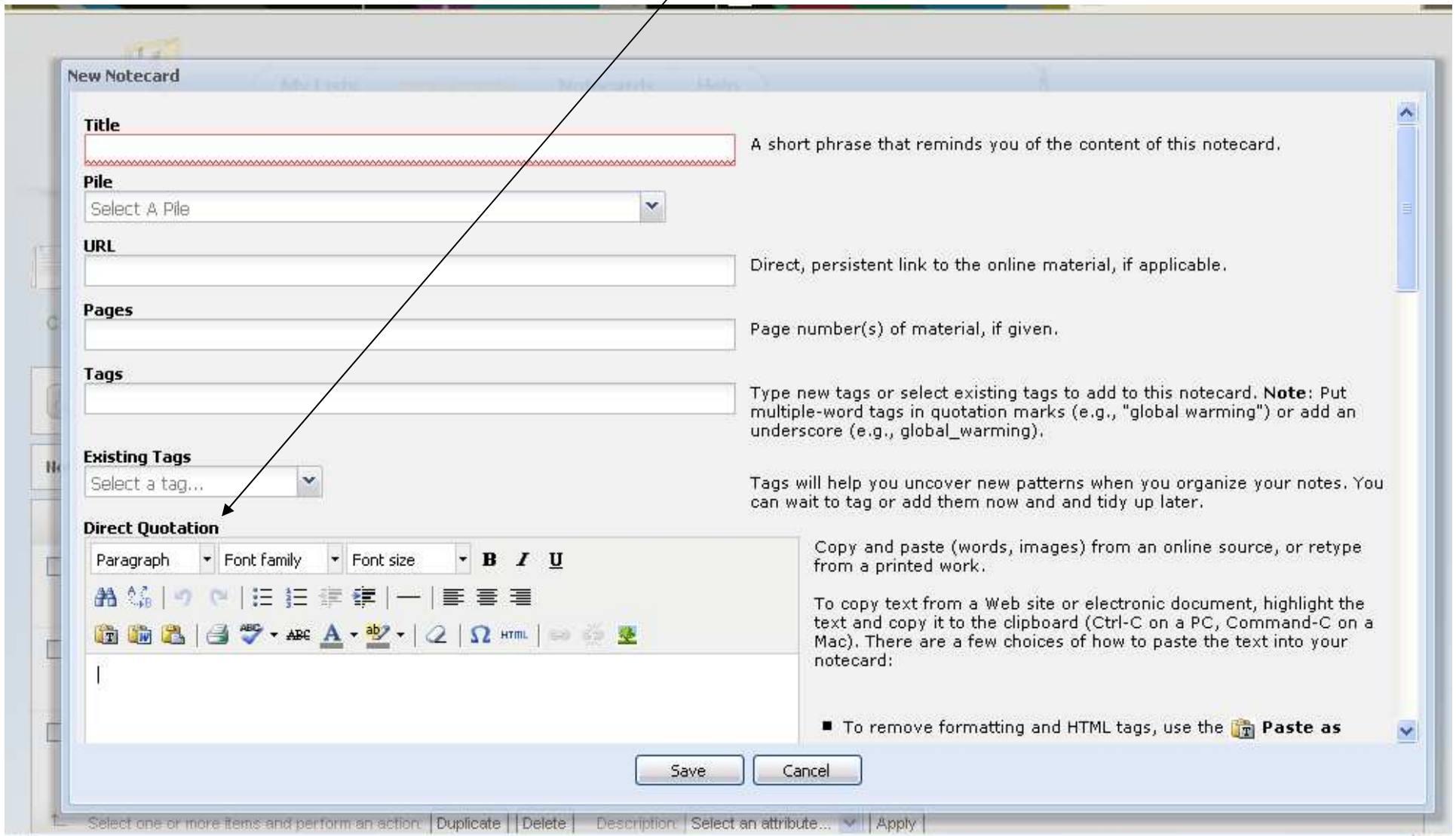
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Notecard display: Show/hide all | Show/hide thought cards (notecards not linked to a citation) | Show only notecards that have comments

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4. A new notecard will now pop up. Leave the title blank for now and don't worry about any of the other options. Go straight to the "Direct Quotation" box.



The screenshot shows a 'New Notecard' dialog box with the following fields and sections:

- Title:** A text input field with a red dashed border. To its right is the text: "A short phrase that reminds you of the content of this notecard."
- Pile:** A dropdown menu showing "Select A Pile".
- URL:** A text input field. To its right is the text: "Direct, persistent link to the online material, if applicable."
- Pages:** A text input field. To its right is the text: "Page number(s) of material, if given."
- Tags:** A text input field. To its right is the text: "Type new tags or select existing tags to add to this notecard. **Note:** Put multiple-word tags in quotation marks (e.g., 'global warming') or add an underscore (e.g., global_warming)."
- Existing Tags:** A dropdown menu showing "Select a tag...". To its right is the text: "Tags will help you uncover new patterns when you organize your notes. You can wait to tag or add them now and tidy up later."
- Direct Quotation:** A section containing a rich text editor toolbar with options like Paragraph, Font family, Font size, Bold, Italic, Underline, and various icons for text formatting and insertion. Below the toolbar is a large text area with a cursor. To the right of this section is the text: "Copy and paste (words, images) from an online source, or retype from a printed work." and "To copy text from a Web site or electronic document, highlight the text and copy it to the clipboard (Ctrl-C on a PC, Command-C on a Mac). There are a few choices of how to paste the text into your notecard:".

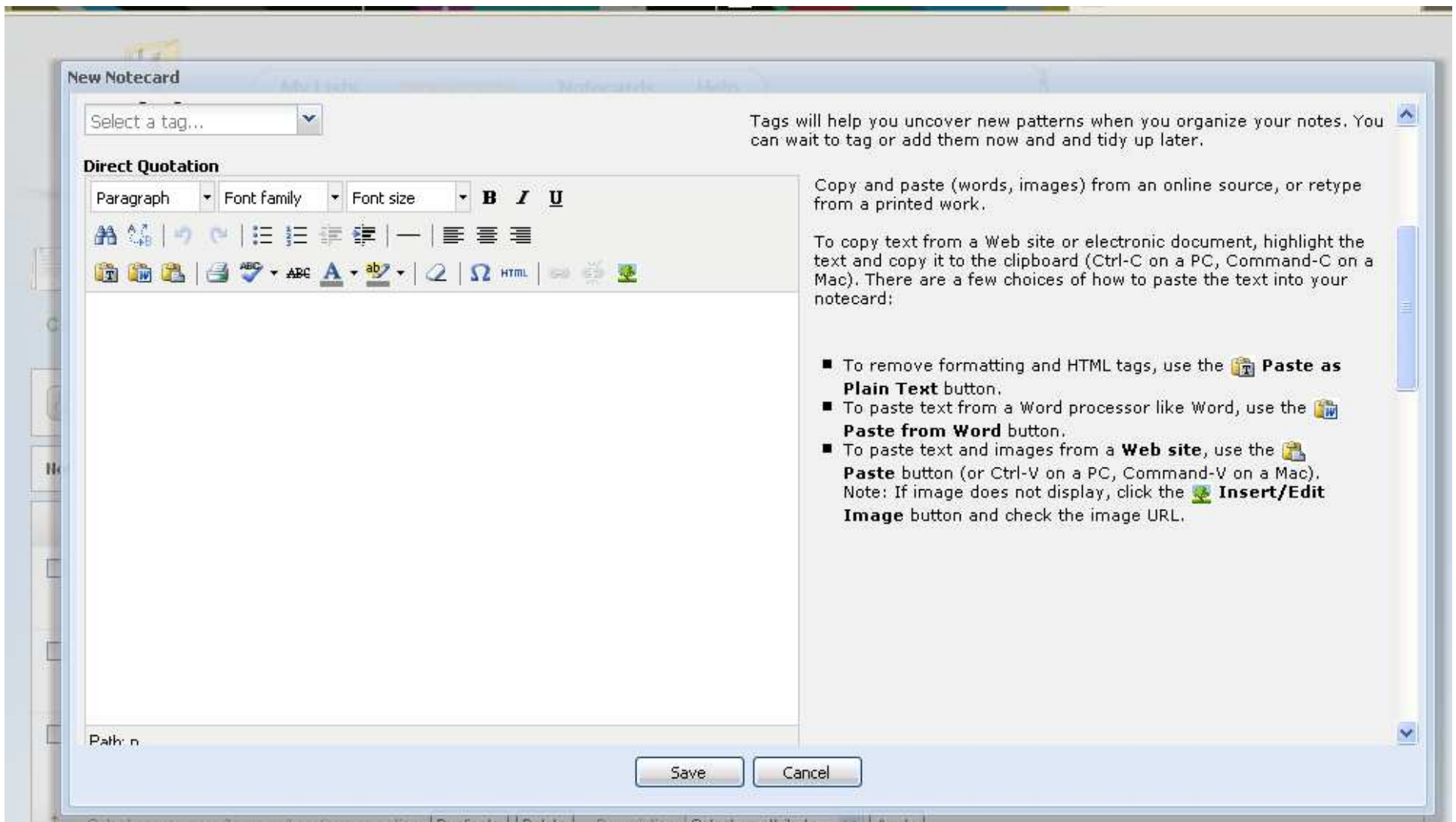
At the bottom right of the 'Direct Quotation' section, there is a checkbox labeled "To remove formatting and HTML tags, use the  **Paste as**".

At the bottom of the dialog box are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

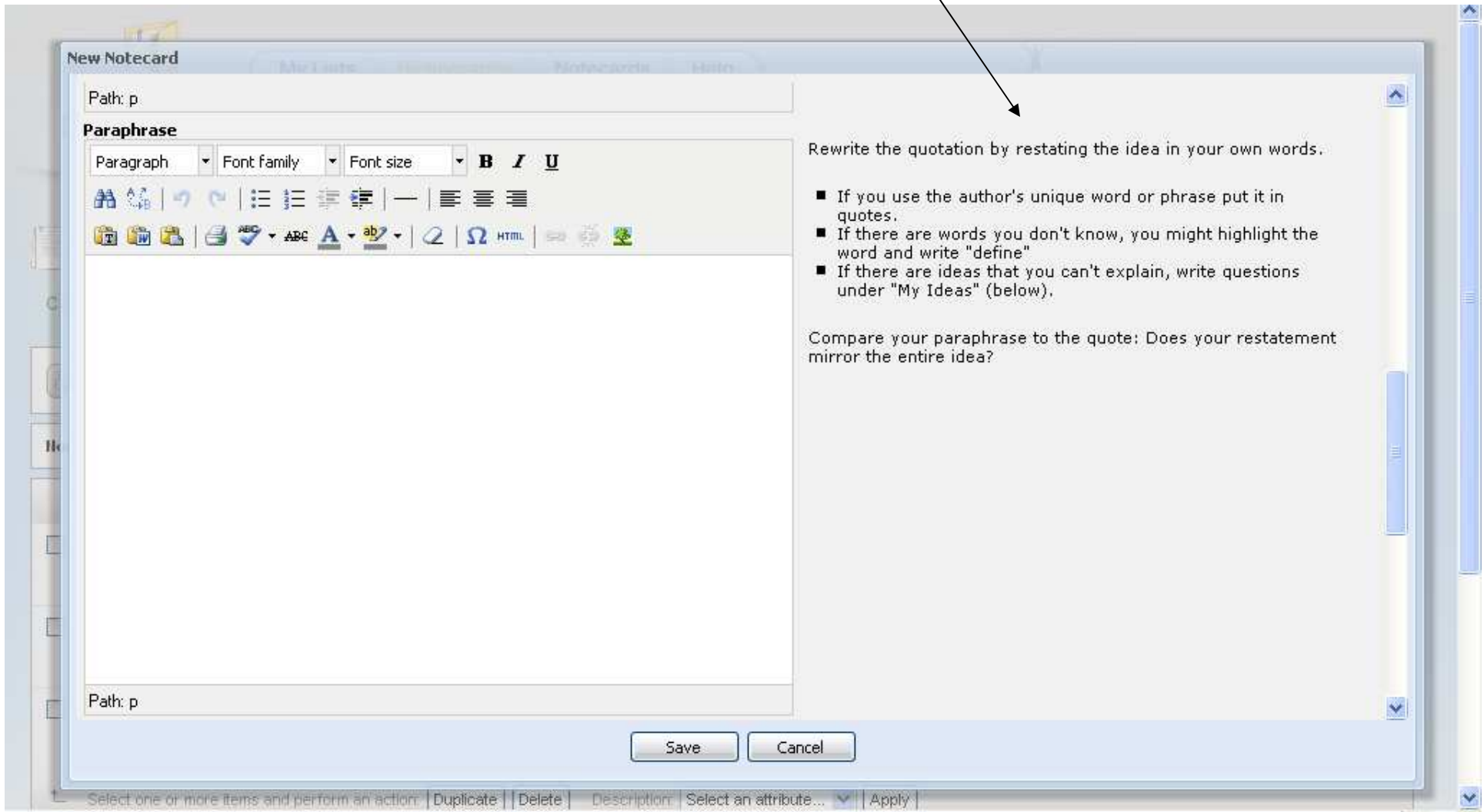
An arrow from the text above points to the "Direct Quotation" section.

5. For the Direct Quotation, you will be typing in word for word good quotes from the book. This should be meaningful information that proves the importance of your topic (how it impacted America).

- **With your online sources, it is a little easier because you can copy and paste.**
- **Be sure to read the instructions on the notecard. Noodletools has great help information.**

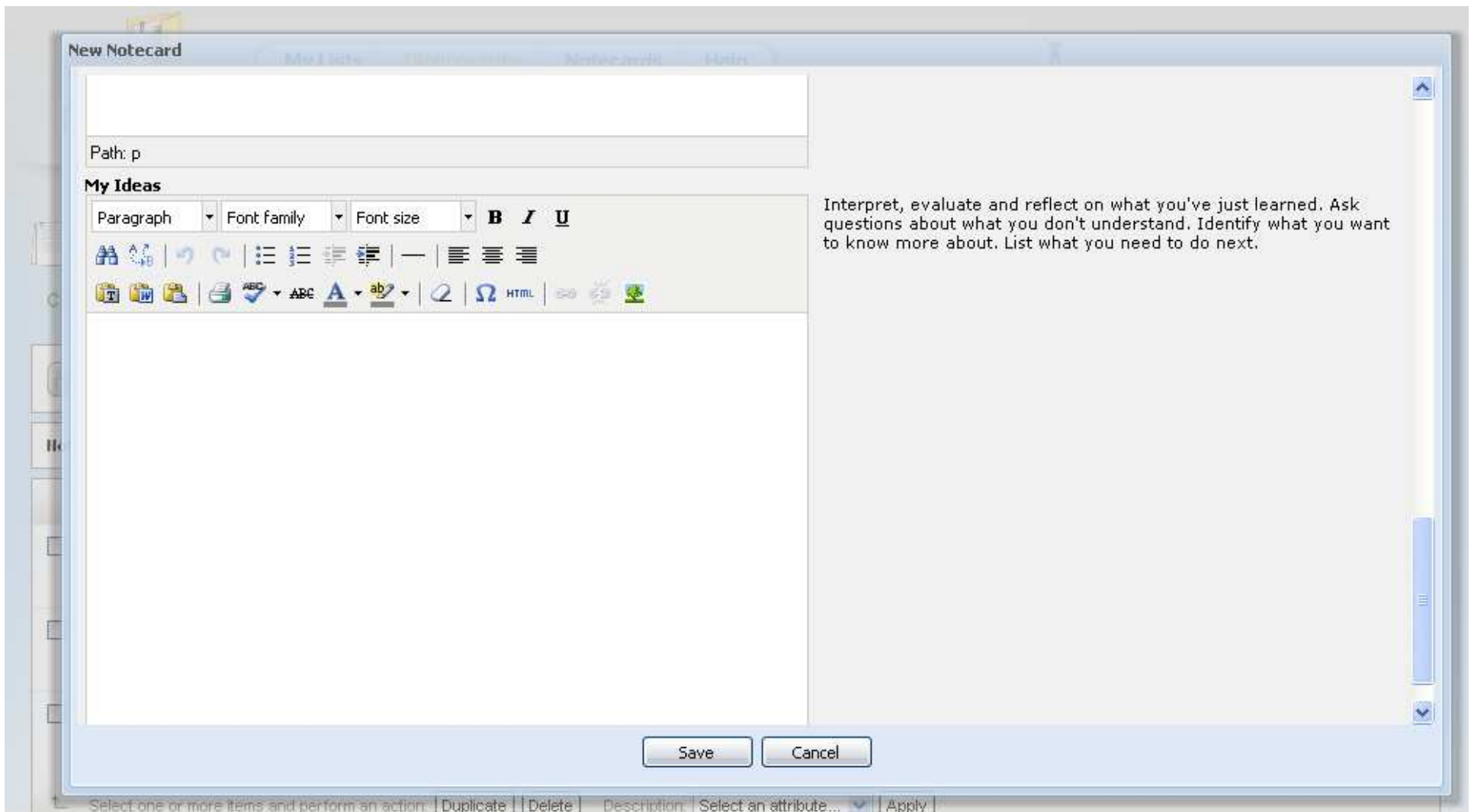


6. Now, to paraphrasing. Look at the directions. Take the quote you typed or pasted above and put it in your own words. Your paraphrase should sound good enough to paste directly into your paper later.



7. For the “My Ideas” section, explain why the quote and paraphrased information is important. Answer the question: How did this impact American history or culture? Again, this should sound good enough to paste right into your paper later.

- Hint: if you can’t think of anything to say about the information, it might not be that important. You may want to go back and find a different quote.**



8. Now, go back and add a title based on the information in your notecard. For instance, if the quote was about Comanche hunting methods, you might title it “hunting methods.” DO NOT name each notecard the same thing. Make it very specific. This will help you when we arrange the notecards into paragraphs for your outline.

- **Don’t worry about the rest of the blanks (URL, pages, Tags) unless you want to fill them out.**
- **Then click “Save.”**

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9. Now, you will see “show” next to your book source. You can show or hide the notecards. Click “New” to start another notecard for the same source. Ask your teacher how many notecards total you need to have. You might have several for one source and only one for another source depending on how good the source is for your topic.

10. One last hint: for your database sources, you will have to re-login and re-find the source. The link may not take you directly there.



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MLA Source List: Pilgrims
 Author: julie.brem

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